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## AUSTRIA'S GUNS CLEAR WAY FOR INVADING FORCE

Capture of Chiesa Drives Wedge Into Italian Front; Left Wing Will Have to Retire.

### SEVERAL POINTS ARE TAKEN

Italians Are Putting Up Desperate Resistance Every Inch of the Way; at Verdun the French Claim to Have Made Gains in Smashing Grenade Attack.

VIENNA, May 26.—The Austrians stormed and captured the Italian positions at Chiesa, 21 miles northwest of Vicenza, after a three day battle. This drives a wedge into the Italian front which will compel the Italian left wing in the Adige valley to retreat five miles.

Ten guns were seized in the sudden plunge. The Austrian left wing is progressing but meeting terrific opposition every inch. Centering the heaviest assaults east of Borgo, Corno Verde, southeast of Borgo was captured.

### VIOLENT ATTACKS BY GERMANS ARE REPULSED

PARIS, May 26.—The French have repulsed violent attacks northwest of Verdun and made gains on the east bank of the Meuse, it was announced. They recaptured a trench near Thiaumont with a smashing grenade attack. The Germans continued their heavy fire east of the Meuse, especially around Deadman's Hill and Avo-court. Infantry attacks have been halted, however. A heavy bombardment there this morning was believed preliminary to further assaults today.

German gains on both banks of the Meuse have aroused the French to a sense of the seriousness of the Verdun situation. No anxiety is felt, however. Even should the Germans capture Verdun it would not alarm Paris.

It will be impossible to tabulate the losses until the artillery ceases. It is possible that the casualties will never be known.

The heavy bombardment of Hill 294 is believed to mean that the Germans intended to try to smash through to reach the St. Meuse railroad leading eastward to Verdun.

### Germans Make Gains

BERLIN, May 26.—The Germans made further slight advances northeast of Verdun and have crossed the ravine near Douaumont. It was officially announced. The French were thrown back south of Douaumont. Six hundred Frenchmen and 12 machine guns were captured at Douaumont.

## Democrats Will Decide Contests on Committee

### MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AFTERNOON TO ORGANIZE

When the democratic county central committee meets here tomorrow afternoon for purpose of organization, it will be necessary to decide several contests where candidates for committees were tied.

The complete list of committeemen elected, showing those tied, is as follows:

Precinct 2, J. W. Hawton; 3, Edward Hodgkins, Elmer Chastain, tied; 4, Lane Hoon; 5, Geo. Wharton; 6, J. W. Kelly; 7, W. R. Van Slyke; 10, R. P. Vancil; 11, T. C. Frazier; 13, J. E. McDaniel; 15, Claud Price; 16, Frank Price; 17, Jim Price; 19, C. O. Henry; 20, Cass Cameron; 21, W. McBride; 22, H. C. Rothrock; 24, Mack Smith; 27, F. H. Hinderman; 29, R. Kirkpatrick; 30, G. Hillard; 32, S. A. Newberry; 33, J. G. Mills; 34, N. Berkeley; 35, C. H. Carter; 36, T. M. Henderson; 37, H. Carter; 38, T. M. Henderson; 39, Fred Laatz; 37, J. S. Johns; 39, W. W. Harrah; 42, Max Hopper; 49, J. E. Beam; 45, James Lank; 47, John Gentry; 49, Louis Schell; 49, R. H. Standford; 52, T. O. Yates; 53, A. E. Benson; 54, Tim Campbell; 55, W. T. Sellers; 56, H. C. Means; 58, C. W. Brown; 59, J. W. Ritter; 60, H. H. McReynolds; 61, James Nelson; 64, J. H. Wagner.

**Smart Defeats Peringer.**  
Constable Tom Smart defeated Carl Peringer for the republican nomination for constable at the polls a week ago. The official count shows that Smart received 45 votes to Peringer's 26. Neither's name was on the ballot but friends wrote them in.

## Reserve Truck is Needed by Local Fire Department

OLD HAND CARTS MADE USE OF YESTERDAY WHEN FIRE OCCURRED.

That the fire department needs a small reserve truck for use in case of accident to the big auto fire truck was shown yesterday afternoon when the big truck "went dead" when called out for a small blaze at 4:19 and it was necessary to make use of the old hand carts. Fire Chief Ringold believes such a car can be improvised at a very moderate expense and will be very useful.

The fire was at the Oregon Market on Main street and was caused by using gasoline in cleaning the floor. The fire was extinguished by use of a chemical in the shop.

When the alarm was phoned in the street number was not given and the department had no knowledge of the location of the fire excepting that it was on Main street. The alarm for the corner of Webb and Main was sounded. Fire Chief Ringold asks that parties phoning fire alarms give the street number if possible and the common name of the place where this is not possible.

The auto truck had been disabled at the fire several nights ago and would not work when the alarm was given. After the reserve equipment had been brought into use the truck was started and reached the scene shortly after the hose had been laid. Owing to spectators standing in the street at the corner of Main and Court a scare was created when the truck hurriedly arrived on the scene, heading toward the curb where the hydrant is located. However no mishaps occurred. The fire chief calls attention to the fact that autos are required to keep 200 feet away from fire equipment and spectators must keep out of the way and off the streets where the department is working.

According to Chief Ringold the truck runs at very moderate speed around corners and in the congested district. Owing to the noise of the big car he says people generally believe it is going much faster than it is.

At 8:30 last evening a still alarm was given when a motorcycle was afire in front of the City Garage on Cottonwood street. The fire was extinguished with a pyrene.

## PLANS FOR ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL WILL BE MADE

### MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW NIGHT OF LOCAL FLORAL SOCIETY.

Plans for Pendleton's annual flower festival will be discussed tomorrow evening at the annual meeting of the Pendleton Floral Society which will be held in the council chambers of the city hall, beginning at 7:30. Dr. H. S. Garfield, president of the organization, has issued the call for the meeting.

The election of officers will be held and such other business as properly comes before the society will be transacted. Though the flowering plants of the city received a severe shock by the cold winter and have been held back by the spring weather, Dr. Garfield believes there will be an abundance of flowers later in the spring and thinks a creditable show could be put on.

Last year the floral show had to be postponed because of the unfavorable weather though all plans had been made and prizes contributed. These prizes were held by the society for use this year.

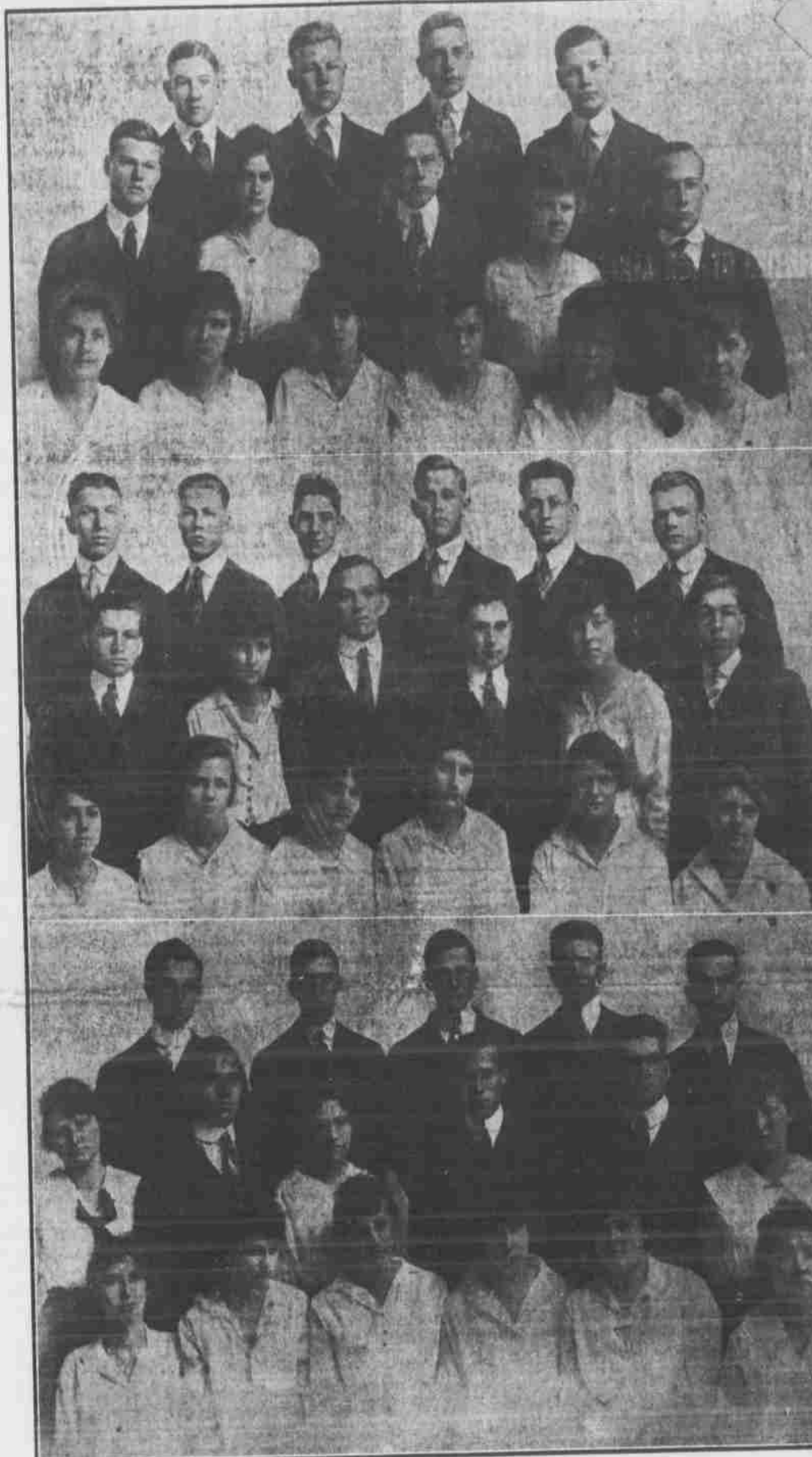
## Graduating Class Largest in History of Pendleton High

With 55 young men and women in the finishing class the Pendleton high school will graduate the largest class in its history this evening and probably the largest high school graduating class in eastern Oregon. The class is almost evenly divided between the sexes, there being 29 girls and 26 boys.

The program tonight is to commence at 8:15 sharp and there are indications the high school auditorium will be crowded to capacity for the occasion. Dr. S. B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, is to deliver the commencement address and the diplomas will be presented by J. V. Tallman, chairman of the school board.

The salutatory is by Marguerite Straughan and the valedictory by Emil Selbert. An excellent musical program will be given during the exercises.

## Seniors of High School Who Will Receive Diplomas



FIRST ROW—Joseph L. Wilcox, Wilbur F. Badley, Ernest L. Boylen, Wesley J. Hassell, P. Latourelle.  
SECOND ROW—Chester A. Reed, Kathleen Elizabeth McFaul, Charles A. Gordon, Beula M. Smith, Henry P. Latourelle.  
THIRD ROW—Jessie L. Chesnut, Emily A. Quant, Pearl Irene Taylor, Mabel A. Hampton, Esther Ellab, both Shea, Jean D. Reber.  
FOURTH ROW—William Payne Chisholm, Wesley M. Mims, Marcus W. Moe, Joseph Narkaus, Fred C. Russell, Ned E. Fowler.  
FIFTH ROW—Claude Baker, Gladys M. Flanagan, Freeman O. Hendricks, Jess L. Wood, Catherine O. Thompson, Sidney A. Morton.  
SIXTH ROW—Rose E. Monasterelli, Marguerite Straughan, Hazel Estelle Adams, Jeanette W. Jack, Katherine W. Whitehead, Nellie V. Sloan.  
SEVENTH ROW—Paul V. Kerich, Emil E. Selbert, Paul G. Callison, Raymond L. Wilkes, Claire E. Myers.  
EIGHTH ROW—Laura Mabel McConnell, Arnold R. Minnis, Arlousine E. Cleveland, Donald T. Robinson, Enoch Friedly, Myrtle M. Tyndall.  
NINTH ROW—Bertha C. Pruitt, Margaret E. Colesworthy, Edith M. Richardson, Claudine O. McMonies, Angela M. Bowler, Fanchon E. Elliott.

Those who receive their diplomas from the Pendleton high school but who are not in the picture are John P. Bixby, Irma G. Belles, Lela C. Cole, Frances Pauline Rice. Although Enoch Friedly is among the graduates in the picture he will not receive his diploma until next year. Mr. Friedly was absent one semester, due to sickness and has not yet made the required number of credits to graduate.

## Outlaw Chief is Killed by Troops Following Attack

### MANY IN HAND ARE WOUNDED AND REST MAY ESCAPE IN DISORDER

NAMUQUIPA. (Wireless to Columbia)—May 26.—American troops today killed Candelario Cervantes, an outlaw chieftain, south of Las Cruces. Cervantes was the leader of the bands who terrorized the section for months. He was killed when he attempted to rush a party of engineers repairing a road six miles south of Las Cruces. It was estimated that 20 bandits attacked the party. Three Americans were wounded, one dying afterwards.

News of the assault was flashed to the garrison at Las Cruces. Two cavalry detachments galloped in pursuit. The engineers returned the fire and the bandits fled in disorder toward Bacteria. Captain Cushman's detachment overtook them killing two and wounding many. The

## Wheat Up Cent in Chicago Market Today

### CHICAGO, May 26.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Today's range of prices:

	Open	High	Close
May	\$1.09 1/2	\$1.10 1/2	\$1.09 3/4
July	\$1.10 1/2	\$1.12 1/2	\$1.11 1/2

Portland.  
PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.—(Special)—Club, 91; bluestem \$1.02.  
Liverpool.  
LIVERPOOL, May 25.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 12s 6d (\$1.81 4-5 per bu.); No. 1 northern spring, 12s 2d; No. 2 red western winter, 11s 6d (\$1.67 2-5 per bu.).

## SALEM MAN KILLS WIFE, DAUGHTER AND HIMSELF

SALEM, Ore., May 26.—W. L. Patterson, a prominent cigar dealer, killed his wife, little daughter and shot himself at seven o'clock this morning.

## HERMISTON MAN IS SUICIDE AFTER HE MURDERS PARTNER

Joe Roth Kills James Ralph and Then Puts Bullet Into His Own Head; Double Tragedy Shocks Hermiston Community; Business Jealousy Believed to Have Been Cause.

(East Oregonian Special.)

HERMISTON, Ore., May 26.—James Hermiston Light & Power Co., was shot and instantly killed last night about 10 o'clock by Joe Roth, president of the company, who immediately afterwards committed suicide. The double tragedy has shocked this community.

Business jealousy is ascribed as the cause of the terrible deed. That it was premeditated is indicated by the fact that within the past two weeks Roth had signed over all of his property to his wife.

Ralph was shot just at the door of his garage. He had been out driving in his new car and Roth had concealed himself in the garage to await his return. The door of the garage pushed upward and Ralph had just lifted it when Roth fired his first shot. It went through his victim's heart. A second shot pierced the man's temple.

The shots were heard by nearly everyone in the town and a dozen men were on the scene in a minute. They found the body of Ralph at once and soon afterwards found the dead body of Roth behind the garage. He had shot himself just behind the ear and death had been almost instantaneous. The shooting was done with a .32 caliber revolver and five shots in all had been fired. He also carried another gun.

Sheriff T. D. Taylor and Coroner J. T. Brown were notified at once and came down. An inquest was held and the jury found a verdict in accordance with the facts stated above.

The two men came here about four years ago to take charge of the light plant. They came from Dayton, Wash., where they had lived for years and where they had been associated with each other almost from childhood. Later, it is said, Roth had been growing very jealous of his partner. He is survived by a wife and a daughter.

who was married in Pendleton only last week. Ralph, who was about 40 years old, had been divorced from his wife about three years. His two brothers, Joe and Frank Ralph, are vice president and treasurer respectively of the company.

The murdered man was immensely popular here and was a friend of the whole town.

Sheriff Taylor, Deputy Sheriff Estes and Coroner Brown arrived home early this morning from Hermiston. Their report of the shooting differs but little from the above story. They are of the opinion that Roth was temporarily insane.

A number of former Dayton people in this city knew Roth well and also knew his victim. Roth had two daughters, one at Hermiston and one at Dayton. He is a brother of A. Roth, formerly of Dayton and now of San Francisco.

**Marriage License Issued.**  
A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Myron Leigh Hunt of San Francisco and Delta Clark Rice of Hermiston.

## Oregon Bird Day Being Observed Throughout State

### BOYS AND GIRLS WILL PROMOTE CONDITIONS OF FEATHERED FRIENDS.

SALEM, Ore., May 26.—Today is Oregon Bird Day, proclaimed by Governor Withycombe at the petition of a large number of school children. Today every boy and girl in the state is supposed to try to become better acquainted with the feathered tribes and do something to promote their interests.

## Class-Day Program of High School Seniors is Best of Its Kind Given by Graduates

The class-day program given yesterday afternoon by the 1916 class was one of the best given by any graduating class of the Pendleton high school. Wilbur Badley, president of the seniors, opened the exercises by giving an address of welcome to the people and parents of Pendleton. Pauline Rice followed with a beautiful piano solo, "To the Evening Star." Ernest Boylen gave the class history. Emily Quint gave a very interesting and talented oration on "Belgium," describing the country, their government and the life the people lead.

Edith Richardson dressed as a prophet, gave the class prophecy as she found it pictured in the future. Margaret Phelps, accompanied by Mrs. Phelps, played a very beautiful violin solo, entitled "The Legend." Miss Phelps displays a rare musical talent on her instrument.

"The Emerald Isle," or Ireland, was brought to mind in a very beautiful oration by Arlousine Cleveland. Angela Bowler gave the class poem in a very beautiful and pleasing manner. Donald Robinson gave an oration on "Preparedness," in which he outlined

the dangers of this nation. The Boys' Glee Club gave a striking selection entitled "Down by the Stream." The boys were Freeman Hendricks, Charles Gordon, Ben Gerking, Paul Callison and Raymond Wilkes. A very pleasing oration was given by Jean Reber on the French writer Balzac. Charles Gordon gave the solo, "Farewell to the Juniors." A most interesting part of this was that Gordon asked the juniors why they left the sixteen on the fire house. Some naughty juniors laughed at the idea, thinking that there was no '16 on the building. But when the program was over and the dignified juniors had strolled outside, they found to their surprise a large '16 upon the old fire house that has been painted so many times that there is more paint than boards upon the sides.

Ralph Hargett gave the response for the juniors. Chester Reed closed the program by giving the last "Will and Testament" of the class of 1916. Tonight the commencement exercises will be held in the high school auditorium. The program will begin promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

## Special Pendleton Float is Being Prepared For the Rose Festival; to Suggest Round-Up

Not only will Queen Muriel of Pendleton be given a royal float in which to ride in all of the Rose Festival parades but a special Pendleton float which will be suggestive of the Round-Up, is being prepared by the festival management, according to word received this morning.

The Pendleton float, which will appear in the principal parade and also in the fraternal and military parades, will be an elaborate affair, according to the word received this morning. The central figures will be a large horse and a large steer, both made of paper-mache, and the whole float will carry out the Round-Up idea. The king, who will be named by this city, will ride on this float and he will